(b) if so, the action taken thereon so far;

2(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have prepared any action-plan for checking the crimes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f). As per provisions contained in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects. It is, therefore, for the State Governments to prepare action plan for checking crimes. The Central Government on its part, has been guiding the States on improving the various facets of police functioning including crime control. The Central Government has also been providing financial assistance to the States for modernising their police forces. No such request as referred to in part (a) of the question has been received by the Central Government.

[English]

Security Vehicles for VIPs

1450. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several pilot and escort security gypsies/jeeps provided to VIPs are running on Delhi roads without the number plates;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the mode of their identification in case these are involved in any road accident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Livestock Training Institute

1451. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal submitted by the Government of Kerala for sanctioning of grants for the development of Livestock Taining Institute at Mattupatti is pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The proposal is being examined by government agencies. The Government will take a decision soon on the proposal.

Train Between Kolhapur and Tirupati

1452. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether request has been received for introduction of a new train between Kolhapur and Tirupati in February, 96;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take any action on this request; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) A request to introduce a superfast train between Kolhapur and Madras to also serve Tirupati passengers has been received in February, 96.

(b) and (c) Examined but has not been found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Survey by RITES

1453. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 'RITES' have made a survey of a proposed railway line from Erumely to Angamaly, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report has not yet been received.

[Translation]

International Cooperation

1454. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has signed agreements with different countries for mutual cooperation in various fields of environment;

(b) if so, the names of such countries; and

(c) the details of the programmes alongwith the fields of environment to which they related?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India had signed Agreement/ Memorandum of Understanding/Joint Statement of Intent with China, Russia, Austria, Iran, Tajikistan, United Kingdom, United States of America, Brazil and Finland for cooperation in the filed of environment.

(c) The areas of cooperation include sharing perspectives and positions on key global issues such as Global Warming, Ozone Depletion, Desertification,